



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2007

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Jordan, George Weber, Bruce Klobucher, Daniel Hochman, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: Lee Moldaver, Jeff Phillips

Liaison members present: Park and Recreation Commissioner Longstreet

Liaison members absent: Councilmember Falcone, Planning Commissioner Jostes, County Project Clean Water Liason Almy

Staff present: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Public Works Director Pat Kelly

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Chair Jordan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2007.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Wilson arrived at 5:39pm.

Manager's Update:

Ms. Zachary reviewed the Manager's Program Update.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. a Subject: Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation on the proposed design of the Cabrillo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project and provide comments to the Public Works Department.

Documents:

Engineering Division Staff Report dated February 6, 2007
Layout for Geometric Approval dated June 9, 2006
Cofferdams and Creek Bypass System
Upsream Bank Protection
Downstream Rip-rap Bank Protection
Mr. Kelly provided a hand-out of photographs at the meeting.

Speakers:

Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director

Committee Questions:

The Committee asked questions regarding the construction schedule and the effect that it will have on auto, pedestrian and bicycle traffic; whether the project will have an impact on water quality; what discussion has gone on with property owners; the possibility of overstory planting for shading of the lagoon; whether there is an opportunity to decrease the angle of the slope; whether the rail on south side of bridge will help separate pedestrians and bicyclists, and, if the sidewalk size will be increased. The Committee expressed concern about having a prominent area fenced during tourist season and Fiesta for two summers.

Mr. Kelly reported that the tentative start date for the project is Fall 2008; the Public Works Department is working with the Transportation Division to ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists; detours with substantial signage and advance warning will be provided, and one lane of traffic in each direction is planned to be available during construction. The project includes riparian landscape and the sidewalk will be expanded and a bench will be installed. A Water Quality Plan will be developed for construction.

Ms. Zachary noted that in the next fiscal year, Parks and Recreation will begin looking at a management plan for the Mission Lagoon and the Cabrillo Bridge project is timely, and should happen before other restoration work on lagoon.

Committee Discussion:

The Committee commented on the aesthetic concerns of the project and suggested that particular attention be paid to the fencing, signage, shading and overstory canopy; opportunities to improve water quality and provide improved habitat for the southern steelhead and tidewater goby; and, long term safety concerns of the lagoon area.

Mr. Kelly thanked Chair Jordan and the Committee for their comments, noted that they were constructive and helpful for moving forward with other committees and internal review processes.

Chair Jordan thanked Mr. Kelly for his presentation.

8b. Creeks Division Transition & Manager Recruitment

Recommendation:

That the Committee provide input on the preferred skills and experience of the next Creeks Manager, and concur with the Staff recommendation to create a Creeks Supervisor position in FY 2007. Based on the interest of the Committee, the Chair may appoint one member to participate in the interview panel.

Documents:

Creeks Division Staff Report dated February 6, 2007
Creeks Transitional Organization Chart
Creeks Manager Job Description and Examples

Speakers:

Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Committee Discussion:

The Committee asked questions as to the placement of the Creeks Supervisor position on the Organization Chart and whether the position would stay where it is; the timing of creating the Supervisor Position and the hiring of the new Creeks Manager; if the Manager would handle more administrative details of the division and if the Supervisor would be more involved with "on ground implementation" of projects.

Motion:

Mr. Hochman motioned to concur with staff recommendation and create the Creeks Supervisor position in FY08

Vote:

Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Discussion:

Committee members suggested the new Creeks Manager possess strength in working and communicating with City Council, committees and the public at large; the ability to bring diverse agendas and opinions together to form a consensus; demonstrated ability to write and receive grants; and, to be an advocate and effect positive change despite opposition.

Committee members suggested that the position description expand on items of communication and public presentations, that the Manager is the face of the program and should be able to work with many groups as well as the media;

condense the overwhelming job description and give some duties to the new Supervisor position so the Manager's job description looks more manageable; ideal candidate will have knowledge and expertise, vision and passion; and, ability to delegate tasks while still supporting staff.

Chair Jordan tabled the appointment of a Committee Member to the interview panel until the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hochman motioned and Mr. Klobucher seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Jordan adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director